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To the West Tisbury Planning Board:

We will be attending the Planning Board Zoom meeting on 1/22/2024., AS the only abutters of the 401 State Road project, we wanted to share our thoughts with you ahead of the meeting.

First and foremost, we strongly agree that affordable housing and senior housing is important for the town of West Tisbury, and therefore fully support this project. We have attended the AHC meetings and have seen the plans and feel the project is tastefully conceived.

We do have a few concerns we want to share with your Board:

1. We do not understand why the entrance to the project is to be on Lambert's Cove Road. The committee has said that it is a project for seniors and, therefore better to have them pull out onto Lambert's Cove Road than State Road. But they will still have to pull onto State Road at the triangle. And we pull out onto Lambert's Cove Road all the time and it is not easy- much more difficult than State Road as the visibility is not as good. Also, the address of the project is 401 State Road.
2. We do not understand why the project is not more centered on the property- moving it a bit closer to State Road and a bit further away from our property. As it is currently designed, the project is right up against the 50 foot setback to our property and a considerable distance from the State Road border. We feel it would make more sense to relocate the project toward State Road. This would provide a bit more buffer for both properties and, we feel, thus enhance the project.
3. We have been told there will be "significant" plantings between our properties. We just want to be certain this actually happens.

We appreciate your willingness to listen to our concerns and look forward to discussing them at the meeting with you.

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